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Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, and Young

Members excused: None

Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day, noting that Department of Natural Resources Director Rodney Stokes would give a presentation before the committee attended to organizational matters.

Organizational Meeting

SR 6 Sen. Hansen A resolution to express opposition to the imposition of a ban of firearm hunting and snowmobiling in certain areas of the Huron-Manistee National Forest.

SB 110 Sen. Hansen State financing and management; funds; distribution of 21st century jobs fund money into funding "Pure Michigan"; provide for.

Presentation by the Department of Natural Resources on the Park Pass Program

Senator Hansen called forth Director Stokes to give an overview of the Department of Natural Resources. Director Stokes then answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Hansen called for the attendance of the committee members to be taken.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee the committee rules.

Senator Hildenbrand moved to adopt the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism rules. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason,
and Young (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 110 (Sen. Hansen).

Senator Hansen testified in explanation of the bill. Senator Hansen then called forth George Zimmerman of Travel Michigan and Jim McBryde of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to give a presentation on SB 110 and Pure Michigan. Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. McBryde then answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Hansen announced the following people who had submitted testimony and/or testimony cards but did not wish to testify:

Andy Deloney, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association—Support

Mickey Knight, representing Muskegon County—Support

Mary Kerr, representing the Ann Arbor Area CVB—Support

Bill Sheffer, representing the Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds—
Support

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council—Support

Steve Yencich, representing the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association and Time
Alliance—Support

Janessa Smit, representing the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce—Support

James Rudicil Jr., representing the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex—Support

Laurie Supinski, representing the Newaygo County CVB, testified in support of the bill.

George Moroz, representing The Henry Ford, testified in support of the bill.

Rick Hert, representing the West Michigan Tourist Association, testified in support of the bill.

Victor Martin, representing the Best Western Plus Sterling Inn, testified in support of the bill.

Steve Kershner, representing the Michigan Snowsports Industries Association and Shanty Creek, testified in support of the bill.

Senator Gleason moved to adopt the substitute (S-1) to Senate Bill 110. By an affirmative vote of the majority of members serving, the substitute was adopted. Voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason,
and Young (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Senator Gleason moved that Senate Bill 110 (S-1) be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the bill then pass. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason, and Young (6/7)

Nays: Senator Brandenburg (1)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

The committee further recommended that the bill be given immediate effect by unanimous consent.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Resolution 6 (Sen. Hansen).

Senator Hansen explained the resolution and answered questions from the committee.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, supported the resolution and did not wish to testify.

Al Bobrofsky and Ron Wassom, representing the National Wild Turkey Federation, testified in support of the resolution.

Dave Nyberg, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in support of the resolution. Mr. Nyberg then answered questions from the committee.

Bill Manson, representing the Michigan Snowmobile Association, submitted written testimony in support of the resolution.

Senator Hildenbrand moved that Senate Resolution 6 be reported out of committee with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted. The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Brandenburg, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason,
and Young (7/7)

Nays: none (0)

Pass: none (0)

Excused: none (0)

Harold Herta, representing the Department of Natural Resources, gave a presentation on the Recreation Passport Program. Mr. Herta then answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee at 2:22 p.m.

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Date Approved by Committee